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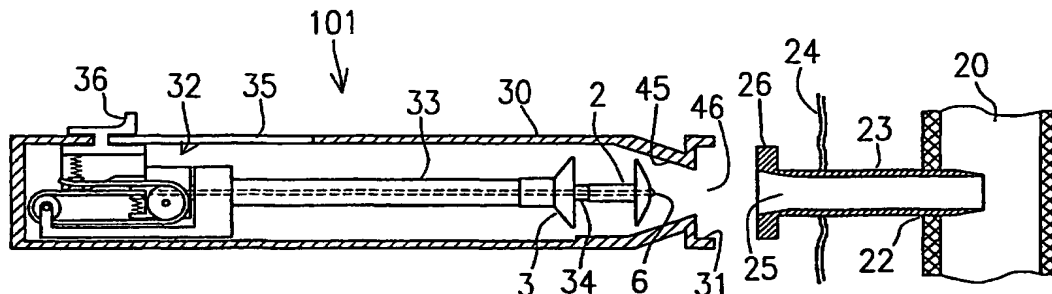
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(57) Abstract: A tool (101) is provided for inserting and mating two plug members (2, 3) of a sealing device (1) for closing a wound in the wall of a vessel by placing the distal plug member (2) of the sealing device inside the vessel and the proximal plug member (3) on the outside of the vessel. The distal plug member is provided with an elongated retracting means (6) extending from the distal plug member. The tool comprises a gear mechanism (32) coupled to the retracting means for converting a movement of the tool in a proximal direction away from the wound (22), when the distal plug member is anchored in the vessel (20), to a pushing movement for moving the proximal plug member in a direction towards the distal plug member in response to a stretching force in the retracting means.

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